

# Tobacco Retail Outlets

## **Nebraska Clean Indoor Air Act**

The Nebraska Clean Indoor Air Act eliminates smoking in enclosed indoor areas of workplaces and indoor public places. The purpose of the Act is to protect the public health and welfare by prohibiting smoking in public places and places of employment. In 2008, the Nebraska Clean Indoor Air Act was amended to require every indoor workplace in the state to be smoke-free. The Nebraska Clean Indoor Air Act goes into effect June 1, 2009.

## **Impact on Tobacco Retail Outlets**

Tobacco retail outlets are exempted from the Nebraska Clean Indoor Air Act. A tobacco retail outlet is defined as a store that sells only tobacco and products directly related to tobacco. Products directly related to tobacco do not include alcohol, coffee, soft drinks, candy, groceries or gasoline. If a store sells more than just tobacco, or products directly related to tobacco, then it must be smoke-free.

## **Please Note**

The Nebraska Clean Indoor Air Act allows local communities to have stronger provisions than the state law. You may want to check local government ordinances or regulations to find out if there are local laws or regulations related to this topic. For example, current local ordinances in Lincoln, Grand Island and Humboldt do not allow smoking in any tobacco shops.

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